

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are currently pending in the instant application.

Claims 1-27 are subject to a previous restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121.

Claims 10, 11 and 14-27 have been cancelled herewith, without prejudice, as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

Claim 1 has been amended herewith.

Claim 28 has been added herewith. Support for new independent Claim 28 may be found at least in Claims 1 and 11 as originally filed.

Applicants submit no new matter has been added by way of this amendment.

Claims 1-9 and 11-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection and further submit this rejection has been rendered moot in light of the instant amendment, wherein Claim 1 has been amended and Claim 28 has been added to more clearly claim the subject matter of Applicants' invention.

Specifically, the Examiner has stated that the two sections in Claim 1 that pertain to contacting the polymerizable aqueous emulsion are unclear. Applicants respectfully submit newly amended Claim 1 clearly demonstrates the temporal order of the additions.

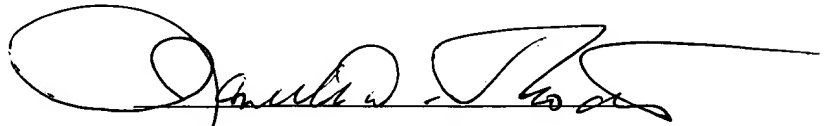
The Examiner has further stated that Claim 11 is indefinite. Applicants disagree. Claim 11 merely states that polymerization is **initiated before** the acid is contacted with the emulsion. However, Applicants have added new Claim 28 and cancelled Claim 11. New Claim 28 is Claim 11 re-worded in such a manner as to more clearly provide the temporal order of addition.

In view of the above discussion, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Should the Examiner believe that issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicants' undersigned attorney in an effort to resolve such issues and advance this application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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